

Departure from Costa del Sol

DES8S: MOROCCO, THE GREAT DESERT (The route of the Kasbahs) 8 - Day tour

Panoramic sightseeing Casablanca, Marrakech, Fez , Meknes and Rabat / Tour escort during the tour / Air conditioned deluxe motor-coach / Accommodation / Daily breakfast and 8 dinners / Travel insurance.



1st Day (Sat.) COSTA DEL SOL - TARIFA – TANGIER – RABAT

Drive along the picturesque tourist route of Costa del Sol to Tarifa where boarding on Ferry to Tangier crossing the Strait of Gibraltar towards Africa. Arrival to Morocco, disembark, clear customs and continue to Larache. Continue to Rabat. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.



2nd Day (Sun.) RABAT - CASABLANCA – MARRAKECH

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning city tour visiting the important sights as the Royal Palace from outside, Mohamed V Mausoleum, the unfinished Hassan Tower which are important examples of the Almohade architecture. Continue to Casablanca, the "cinematographic". Economic capital of the country with more than four million inhabitants combines its modern art-nouveau or art-deco buildings with the old buildings of the thirteenth century, when it was known as Dar El Baida (the white's hose). See Mohammed V Square, Boulevard D'Anfa, Nôtre Dame Cathedral and the exteriors of the impressive Great Mosque of Hassan II, where more than 3,000 craftsmen worked. Only the Mecca reach more importance and size. Continuation to Marrakech. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.



3rd Day (Mon.) MARRAKECH

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit the city and its great historical past: Koutubia Mosque or the booksellers whose minaret in a hispanomorisco style, of great beauty, is the symbol of the city, the exceptional Mausoleum of the sixteenth-century princes Saadinos and The sumptuous Bahia Palace (The Precious), built in the IX C. by hundreds of artisans from Fez. Walking around the Medina (ancient city) and its souks where a thousand and one artisan products are offered to the visitor to end up in the fascinating world of the famous Djemaa El Fna Square (Intangible Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO) where storytellers, snake charmers, jugglers , Dancers, etc...Constitute an authentic "cut of the miracles". **Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.**



4th Day (Tue.) MARRAKECH – AIT BEN HADDOU – OUARZAZATE

Breakfast at the hotel. Early departure from Marrakesh heading south. Cross the High Atlas Mountains through the Tizi n'Tichka that connects Marrakesh with the presaharian oases. After several stops enjoying the wonderful panoramas, continue onto, Ait Ben Haddou, considered the most beautiful fortress in the country and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Here famous films such as Gladiator, Lawrence of Arabia, Jesus of Nazareth or The Jewel of the Nile among others were filmed. Continue to Ouarzazate. Arrival, dinner and accommodation at the hotel.



5th Day (Wed.) OUARZAZATE – ERFOUD

Breakfast. Visit the Kasbahs Taourirt, located in the heart of the city. Visit the interior and the Patio de Armas. Later departure to Erfoud crossing the Dades Valley through cities like Boulmane to Kellah M "gouna with its immense palm trees and the Valley of the Roses. Arrival at the Todra Gorges, impressive geographical accident caused by the erosion of the river. Free time to discover it on your own. Continue to Erfoud, dinner and overnight at the hotel).

Optional excursions*:

Sunrise in the dunes of Erg Chebbi - Excursion in a 4x4 vehicle to see the sunrise in the desert. Departure very early in the morning of the 5th day of the tour from our hotel in Erfoud to the sea of dunes of Erg Chebbi, where you can see the sun's effect at dawn and take a dromedary ride. Return to the hotel for breakfast.

Night in the dunes of Erg Chebbi - Continue towards the dunes of Erg Chebbi, where you will stay in nomadic tents. You can spend the night in a heavenly place and dine the typical desert dishes. You will see the sunrise in the desert and take a 4x4 tour and a camel ride.

****If you hire this optional excursion, you cannot make use of the Erfoud hotel and there is no refund for not using the hotel in Erfoud.***



6th Day (Thu.) ERFOUD – FEZ

Breakfast. Depart towards Fez. Visit the Ziz River Valley with endless palm groves and houses built on mud and straw. Continue to the Middle Atlas through Errachidia and Midelt with high mountain climates and almost perpetual snow. Finally they arrive at the cedar forest of Azrou to arrive at the end of the afternoon in Fez. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.



7th Day (Fri.) FEZ

Breakfast at the hotel and then, visit of this old city that with its 785 mosques and its splendid Medina (old city), is the intellectual and religious capital of the country. The guided tour starts with the exteriors of the Royal Palace and its 7 gates, Dar El Makhzen, old residence of the Sultan, the Bab Bojloud gate decorated with blue enameled ceramics (the color of Fes) and green (color of Islam) gives access to the walled enclosure of the Medina (old city), largest of North Africa and declared World Heritage. During this authentic maze of more than 2,000 squares, streets and alleys that ramble endlessly, guarding some of the most beautiful buildings in Morocco: palaces, madrasas, mosques, doors, fountains, which pleasantly surprise the visitor. Plaza Es-Seffarin will be seen with its pretty fountain of beautiful pottery and in it will be engraved in the marble flowers of lis, symbol that left the French prisoners who collaborated in its construction in centuryXVI; The Karaouine Mosque, the best known in the city with its celebrated Friday prayer, holy day of the Muslims, built in the IX C. and which is the oldest religious teaching center. Also visit the district of the dyers, the tanners with spectacular colors and the Souk, where they will be assaulted by noises, smells and colors of a crowded crowd, seeming to emerge from a forgotten page of history. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.

8th Day (Sat.) FEZ – TANGER – TARIFA – COSTA DEL SOL

Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Tangier. Transfer to the pier and aboard the ferry to return across the strait of Gibraltar back to Spain. Arrival to Tarifa and drive towards Costa del Sol.

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